

## **SWD Advisory Council Goals for 2013-14**

**Council Goal 1:** Promote improved student learning / outcomes, including promoting inclusive educational services that meet the needs of all students, regardless of their abilities, and promote a sense of belonging and mutual respect for all students while affirming each student's individuality.

**Council Goal 2:** Promote expanded access and quality of services for students with disabilities (SWD) to better prepare them for transition into independent living, meaningful work or post-secondary education.

Planned activities:

Monitor state transition indicator

Request presentations at Council meetings from transition services providers (ARC, Voc Rehab, etc) to better inform council members of available options-communicate with Gayle Feltner, TDOE, as needed.

Add or update information on the State website for parents/students related to transition services.

**Council Goal 3:** Promote the use of ongoing assessments and unique accommodations that will accurately evaluate SWD, while considering the scope of individual needs encountered.

**Council Goal 4:** Promote increased quality and quantity of special educators, general educators, and paraprofessionals serving eligible children and youth with disabilities.

**Council Goal 5:** Promote sufficient funding for special education services and encourage the equitable distribution and utilization of funds to promote best practices for students with special needs.

Possible objectives for this goal could include:

Study the current State funding formulas to determine how they affect services.

Review other State funding formulas and identify systems which merit replication.

Encourage the adoption of funding formulas which align with student achievement in the most advantageous learning environments

**Council Goal 6:**

Promote improved use and application of State and local data related to special education to improve outcomes for students with disabilities.

**Council Goal 7:**

Promote enhanced communication among the community, educators, the SEA and other stakeholders on special education services.

**Council Goal 8:**

Encourage implementation of RTI<sup>2</sup> to promote positive behavior support including planning, collaboration, and development of best practices that create a positive learning environment and successful experiences for students with disabilities.